GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2909
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2009
SUBSIDY FOR RICE
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted bills for the release of provisional subsidy for the distribution of rice under the decentralized procurement for the period from April, 2008 to March, 2009;

(b) if so, whether a large part of the said amount is yet to be released by the Union Government to the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has sent any communication with request for release of the said dues;

(e) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the time by which the amount is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b)&(c): Against an amount of Rs. 11,840.18 lakhs claimed by the Govt. of Kerala/Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. as provisional subsidy (95%) for distribution of rice during April, 2008 to March, 2009, a total amount of Rs. 11,366.17 lakhs, found admissible, has been released to the State.

The difference in the amount claimed and amount found admissible was mainly on account of excess distribution of 4215.50 MT of rice under APL by the State as compared to the allocation made by the Government of India.

(d)&(e): Yes, Madam.

Govt. of Kerala has requested for release of balance amount of Rs. 4.25 crore for the period April, 2008 to March, 2009 vide a memorandum dated 13.11.2009.

The provisional subsidy amount found admissible for the period April, 2008 to March, 2009 has already been released to the State Govt.

(f): In view of reply to para (b) to (e) above, question does not arise.